

ACT for well Governing and Regulating Corporations.

Paragraph XII.

**P**ROvided also, and be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That from and after the expiration of the said Commissions, no Person or Persons shall for ever hereafter be Placed, Elected, or Chosen, in or to any of the Offices and Places aforesaid that shall not have within one Year next before such Election or Choice, taken the Sacrament of the LORDS SUPPER, according to the Rites of the Church of England, &c. (and in Default thereof such Election to be void, &c.)

Be this Paragraph understood as variously as mens minds can mould it, Yet is it very important for those shall choose men into Offices and Places, in the Act mentioned, To consider,

**V**VHether any Persons, confessed and declared unqualified, by not having taken the Sacrament of the LORDS SUPPER, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, and their Election thereby becoming void, Ought in Reason and good Conscience, to be Elected into any Office or Place again, because they seem to become Qualified by having Since taken the Sacrament of the LORDS SUPPER, according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, which is in effect, but a prostitution of that Holy Ordinance to the corrupt Designs, perhaps of mens Interests and Passions. And if the Parties hoping to be Elected, should be disappointed, the only Searcher of hearts can tell, if they may not Repent of having done that Duty.

*It appears there was an exception against the Person here by a Trust And to  
as his Accuser could not justify by the 13. Article of the Church of England  
And as words The Law being taken away the Effect follows. And whereas  
the answer openly to the Propriety Aff*